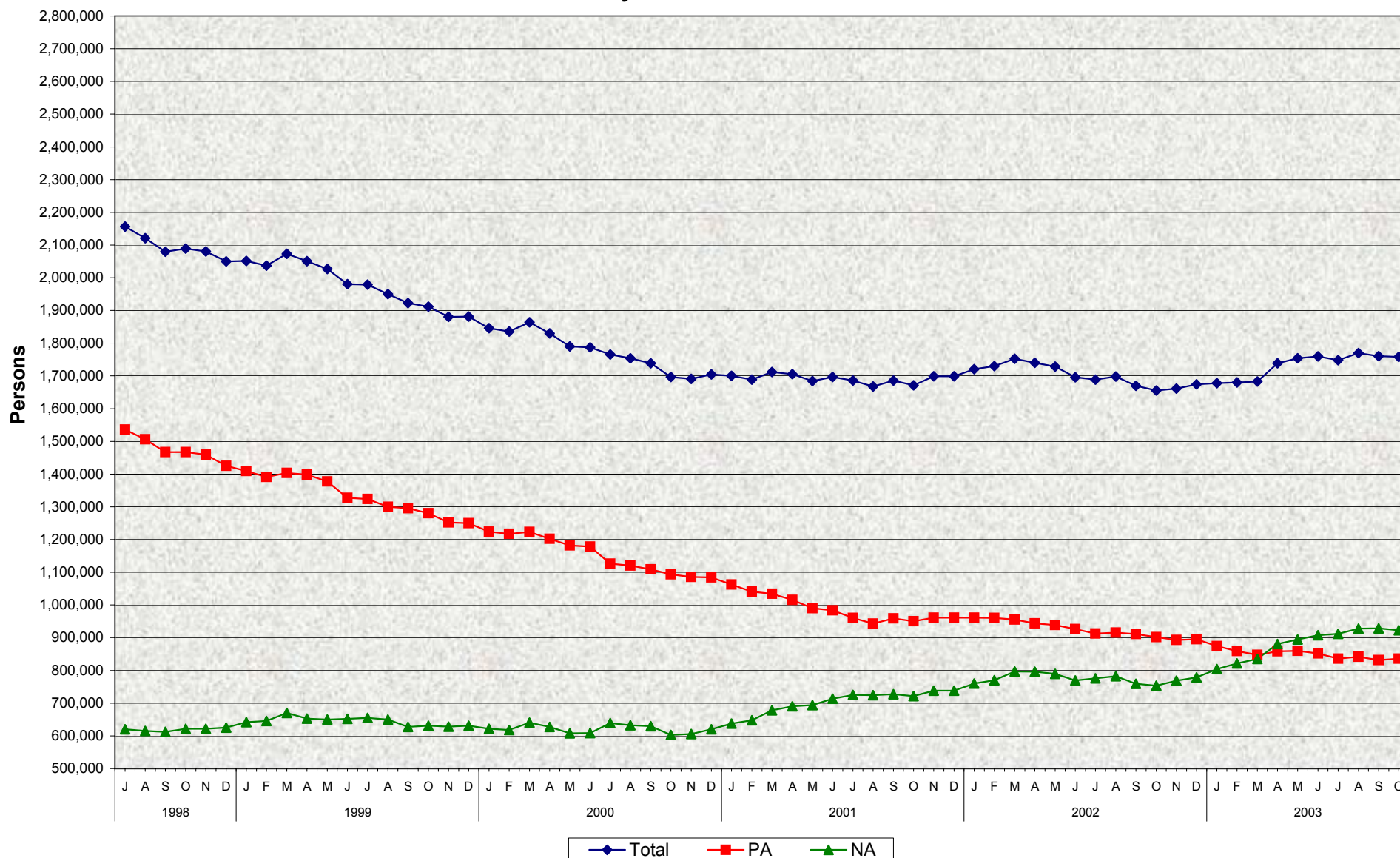


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MONTHLY PERCENT CHANGE

		Jul	% Chg	Aug	% Chg	Sep	% Chg	Oct	% Chg	Nov	% Chg	Dec	% Chg	Jan	% Chg	Feb	% Chg	Mar	% Chg	Apr	% Chg	May	% Chg	Jun	% Chg
98/99	Total	2,156,550	-1.7%	2,121,127	-1.6%	2,079,405	-2.0%	2,089,110	0.5%	2,080,600	-0.4%	2,050,326	-1.5%	2,051,262	0.0%	2,036,820	-0.7%	2,073,285	1.8%	2,050,711	-1.1%	2,026,813	-1.2%	1,980,133	-2.3%
	PA	1,536,161	-2.2%	1,506,335	-1.9%	1,467,444	-2.6%	1,467,249	0.0%	1,458,972	-0.6%	1,424,885	-2.3%	1,409,020	-1.1%	1,391,357	-1.3%	1,403,289	0.9%	1,398,217	-0.4%	1,377,214	-1.5%	1,327,823	-3.6%
	NA	620,389	-0.3%	614,792	-0.9%	611,961	-0.5%	621,861	1.6%	621,628	0.0%	625,441	0.6%	642,242	2.7%	645,463	0.5%	669,996	3.8%	652,494	-2.6%	649,599	-0.4%	652,310	0.4%
99/00	Total	1,978,966	-0.1%	1,950,092	-1.5%	1,922,858	-1.4%	1,911,585	-0.6%	1,880,727	-1.6%	1,881,058	0.0%	1,845,475	-1.9%	1,835,484	-0.5%	1,863,991	1.6%	1,829,793	-1.8%	1,790,044	-2.2%	1,786,990	-0.2%
	PA	1,323,912	-0.3%	1,300,250	-1.8%	1,295,368	-0.4%	1,280,542	-1.1%	1,252,291	-2.2%	1,250,031	-0.2%	1,223,813	-2.1%	1,217,171	-0.5%	1,223,552	0.5%	1,202,350	-1.7%	1,182,089	-1.7%	1,178,638	-0.3%
	NA	655,054	0.4%	649,842	-0.8%	627,490	-3.4%	631,043	0.6%	628,436	-0.4%	631,027	0.4%	621,662	-1.5%	618,313	-0.5%	640,439	3.6%	627,443	-2.0%	607,955	-3.1%	608,352	0.1%
00/01	Total	1,765,313	-1.2%	1,753,566	-0.7%	1,738,542	-0.9%	1,696,930	-2.4%	1,691,134	-0.3%	1,704,338	0.8%	1,700,576	-0.2%	1,688,513	-0.7%	1,711,947	1.4%	1,705,712	-0.4%	1,684,620	-1.2%	1,696,850	0.7%
	PA	1,125,966	-4.5%	1,120,759	-0.5%	1,108,745	-1.1%	1,093,782	-1.3%	1,085,445	-0.8%	1,084,419	-0.1%	1,062,824	-2.0%	1,041,046	-2.0%	1,034,139	-0.7%	1,015,585	-1.8%	990,469	-2.5%	983,606	-0.7%
	NA	639,347	5.1%	632,807	-1.0%	629,797	-0.5%	603,148	-4.2%	605,689	0.4%	619,919	2.3%	637,752	2.9%	647,467	1.5%	677,808	4.7%	690,127	1.8%	694,151	0.6%	713,244	2.8%
01/02	Total	1,685,890	-0.6%	1,667,437	-1.1%	1,685,793	1.1%	1,671,715	-0.8%	1,699,161	1.6%	1,699,161	0.0%	1,720,862	1.3%	1,729,990	0.5%	1,752,413	1.3%	1,740,284	-0.7%	1,728,562	-0.7%	1,695,989	-1.9%
	PA	960,614	-2.3%	942,887	-1.8%	958,772	1.7%	949,959	-0.9%	961,078	1.2%	961,078	0.0%	961,198	0.0%	960,101	-0.1%	955,325	-0.5%	944,138	-1.2%	938,892	-0.6%	926,617	-1.3%
	NA	725,276	1.7%	724,550	-0.1%	727,021	0.3%	721,756	-0.7%	738,083	2.3%	738,083	0.0%	759,664	2.9%	769,889	1.3%	797,088	3.5%	796,146	-0.1%	789,670	-0.8%	769,372	-2.6%
02/03	Total	1,688,887	-0.4%	1,697,962	0.5%	1,670,174	-1.6%	1,655,127	-0.9%	1,661,446	0.4%	1,673,910	0.8%	1,678,096	0.3%	1,680,284	0.1%	1,682,844	0.2%	1,738,992	3.3%	1,754,127	0.9%	1,759,625	0.3%
	PA	912,831	-1.5%	915,847	0.3%	911,029	-0.5%	901,619	-1.0%	892,773	-1.0%	895,508	0.3%	873,940	-2.4%	859,153	-1.7%	847,467	-1.4%	858,491	1.3%	859,791	0.2%	851,953	-0.9%
	NA	776,056	0.9%	782,115	0.8%	759,145	-2.9%	753,508	-0.7%	768,673	2.0%	778,402	1.3%	804,156	3.3%	821,131	2.1%	835,377	1.7%	880,501	5.4%	894,336	1.6%	907,672	1.5%
02/03	Total	1,747,809	-0.7%	1,769,563	1.2%	1,760,370	-0.5%	1,758,324	-0.1%																
	PA	835,750	-1.9%	841,938	0.7%	831,489	-1.2%	835,662	0.5%																
	NA	912,059	0.5%	927,625	1.7%	928,881	0.1%	922,662	-0.7%																

TRENDS

- **Food Stamp persons decreased 0.1% between September 2003 and October 2003.**
0.5% increase in PA persons
0.7% decrease in NA persons
- **Food Stamp persons increased 6.2% between October 2002 and October 2003.**
7.3% decrease in PA persons
22.4% increase in NA persons
- **Effective April 2003, eligibility rule changes allowed certain CFAP recipients to convert to the federal food stamp program.**

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